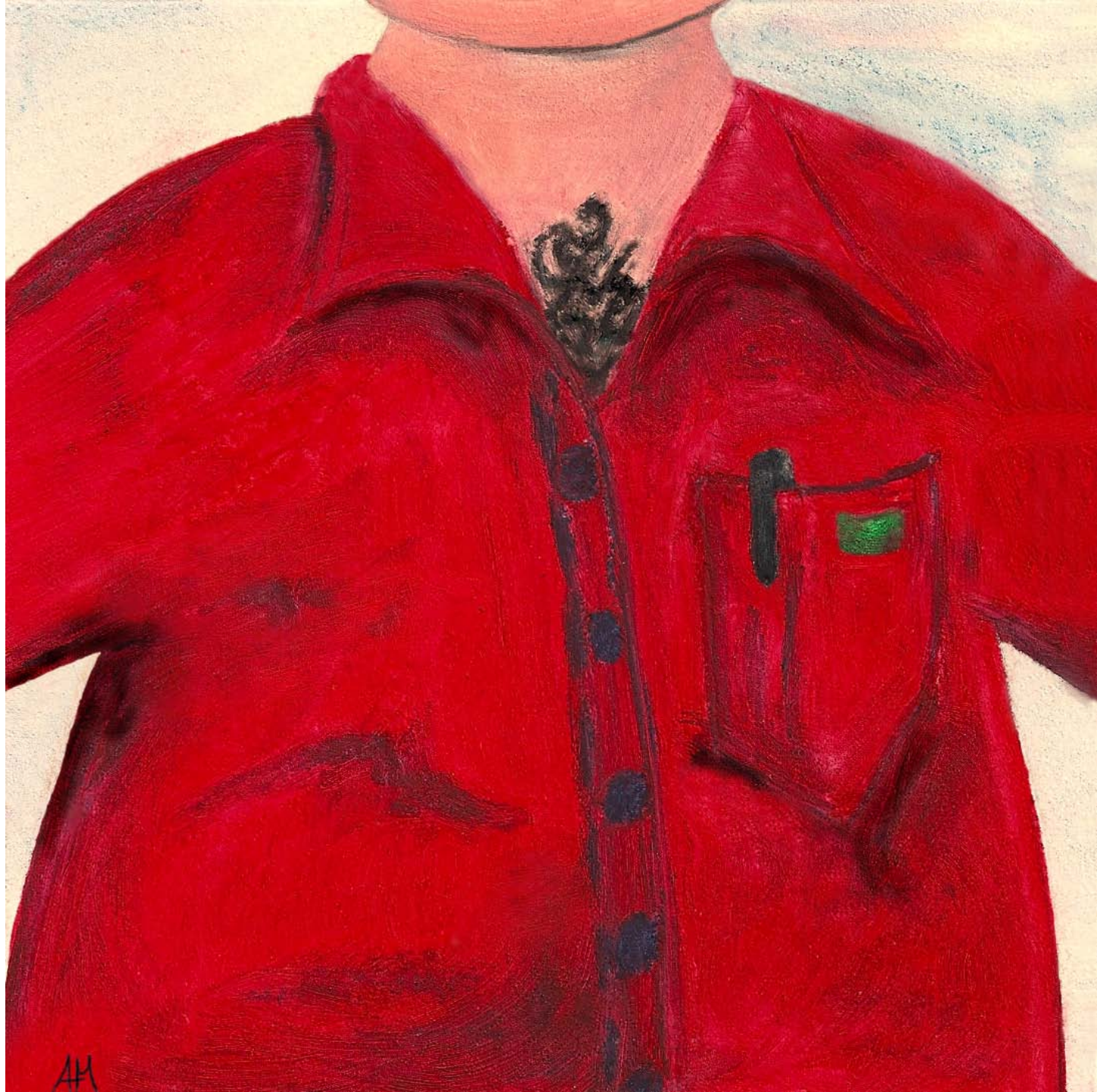
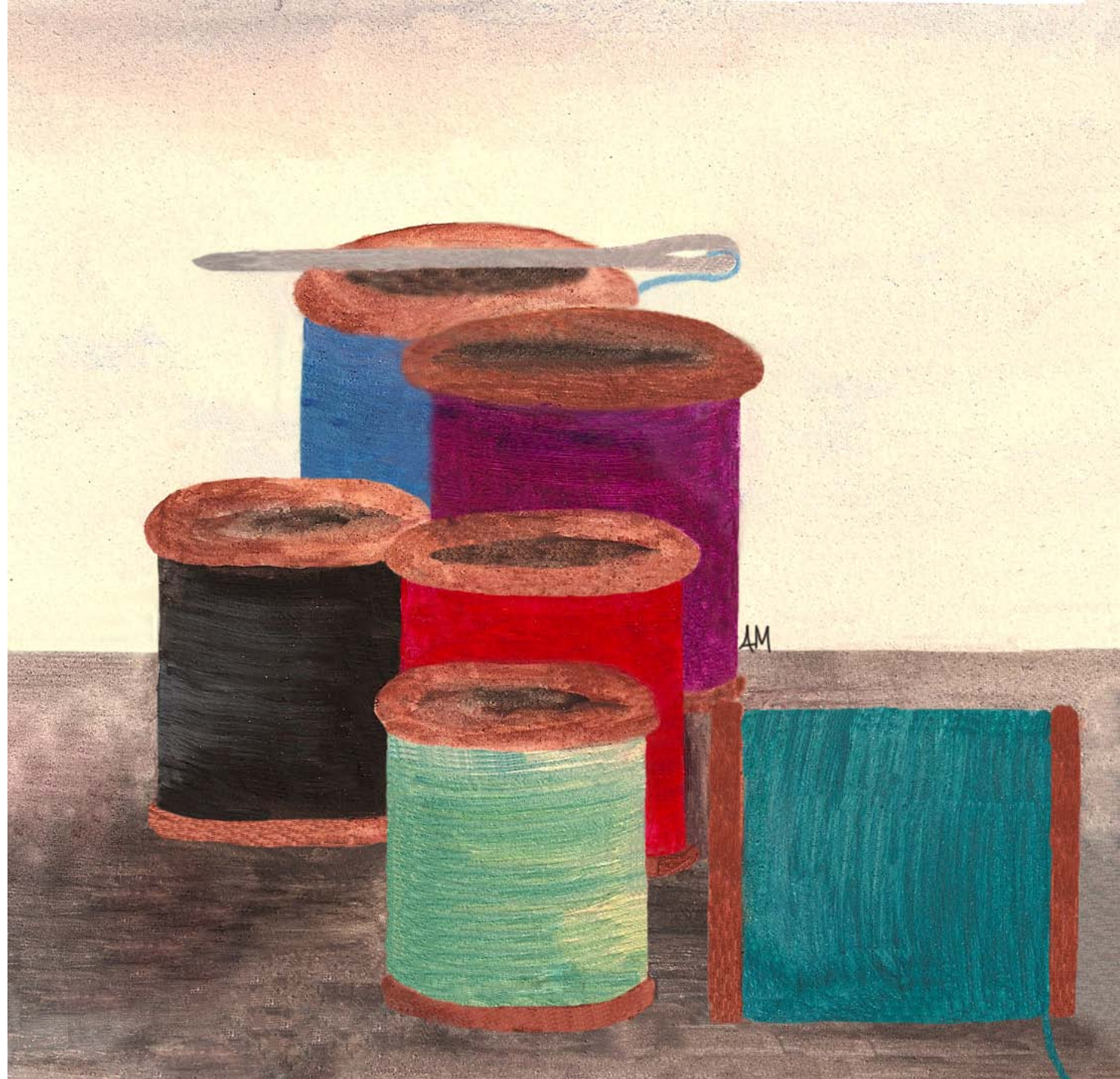


**This is the shirt that Tom bought.**



**This is the thread**  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.





**This is the cotton**

used for the thread

that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.





**These are the seeds (and their chemical spray)**  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.





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WARNING!

CAN RESULT IN DEATH



Roundup  
Ultra



Bollgard  
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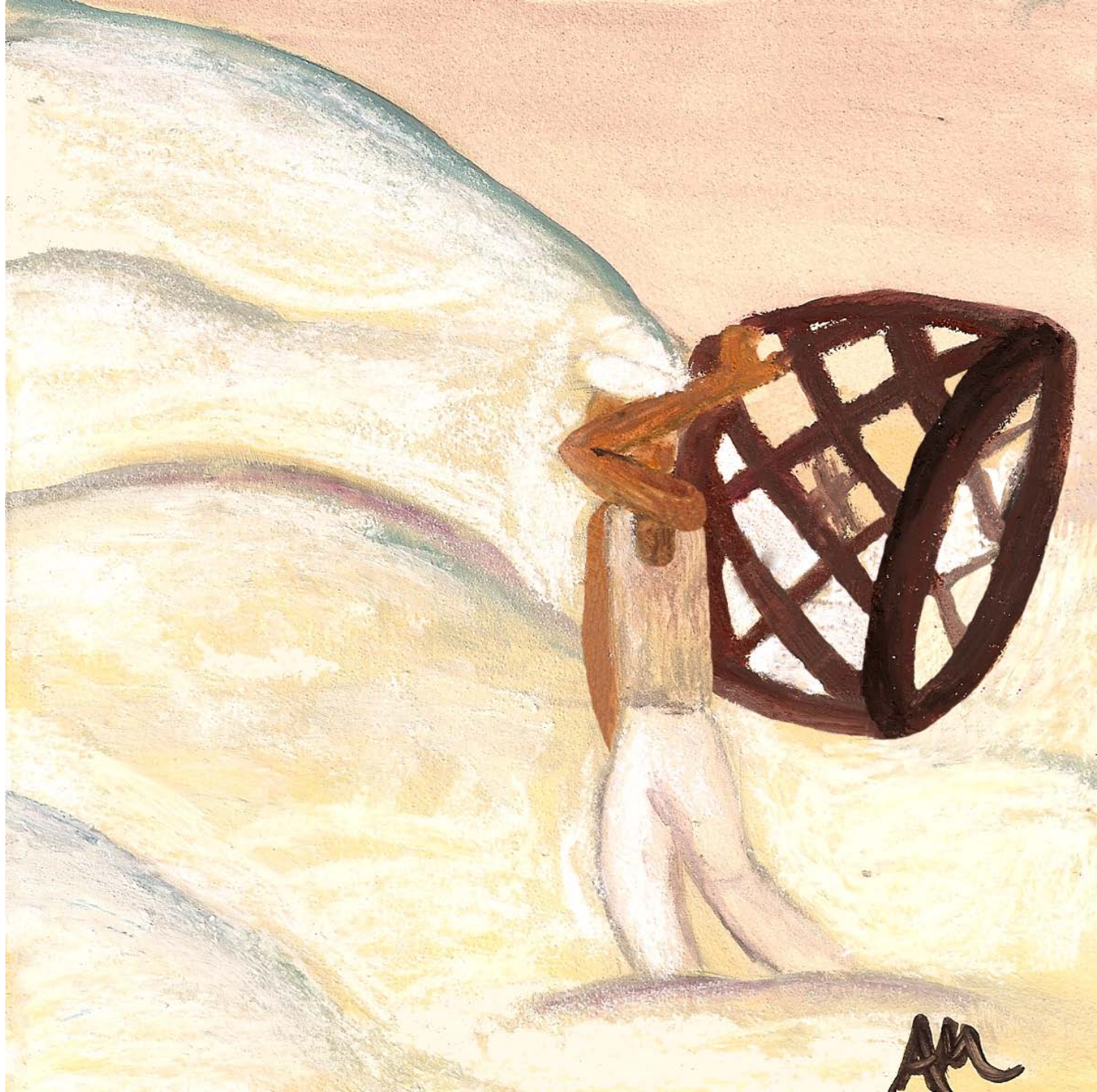


**This is the farmer who couldn't pay**  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.



**This is the son who works all day**  
who buried his father who couldn't pay  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.





**These are the bales that the merchant buys**

made by the son who works all day  
who buried his father who couldn't pay  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.







**This is the fabric colored with dyes**  
processed from bales that the merchant buys  
made by the son who works all day  
who buried his father who couldn't pay  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.



**This is the child paid a dollar fifty**

to sew the fabric colored with dyes  
processed from bales that the merchant buys  
made by the son who works all day  
who buried his father who couldn't pay  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.





# **This is the contractor, Mr. Thrifty**

who pays the child a dollar fifty  
to sew the fabric colored with dyes  
processed from bales that the merchant buys  
made by the son who works all day  
who buried his father who couldn't pay  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.







**These are the blouses, coats, shirts, and socks**  
shipped by the contractor, Mr. Thrifty  
who pays the child a dollar fifty  
to sew the fabric colored with dyes  
processed from bales that the merchant buys  
made by the son who works all day  
who buried his father who couldn't pay  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.

LONDON

SHIP TO  
USA

NYC

SHIP TO  
PARIS FRANCE

BANGKOK

AM

**This is the company in Bangkok**  
that buys all the blouses, coats, shirts, and socks  
shipped by the contractor, Mr. Thrifty  
who pays the child a dollar fifty  
to sew the fabric colored with dyes  
processed from bales that the merchant buys  
made by the son who works all day  
who buried his father who couldn't pay  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.

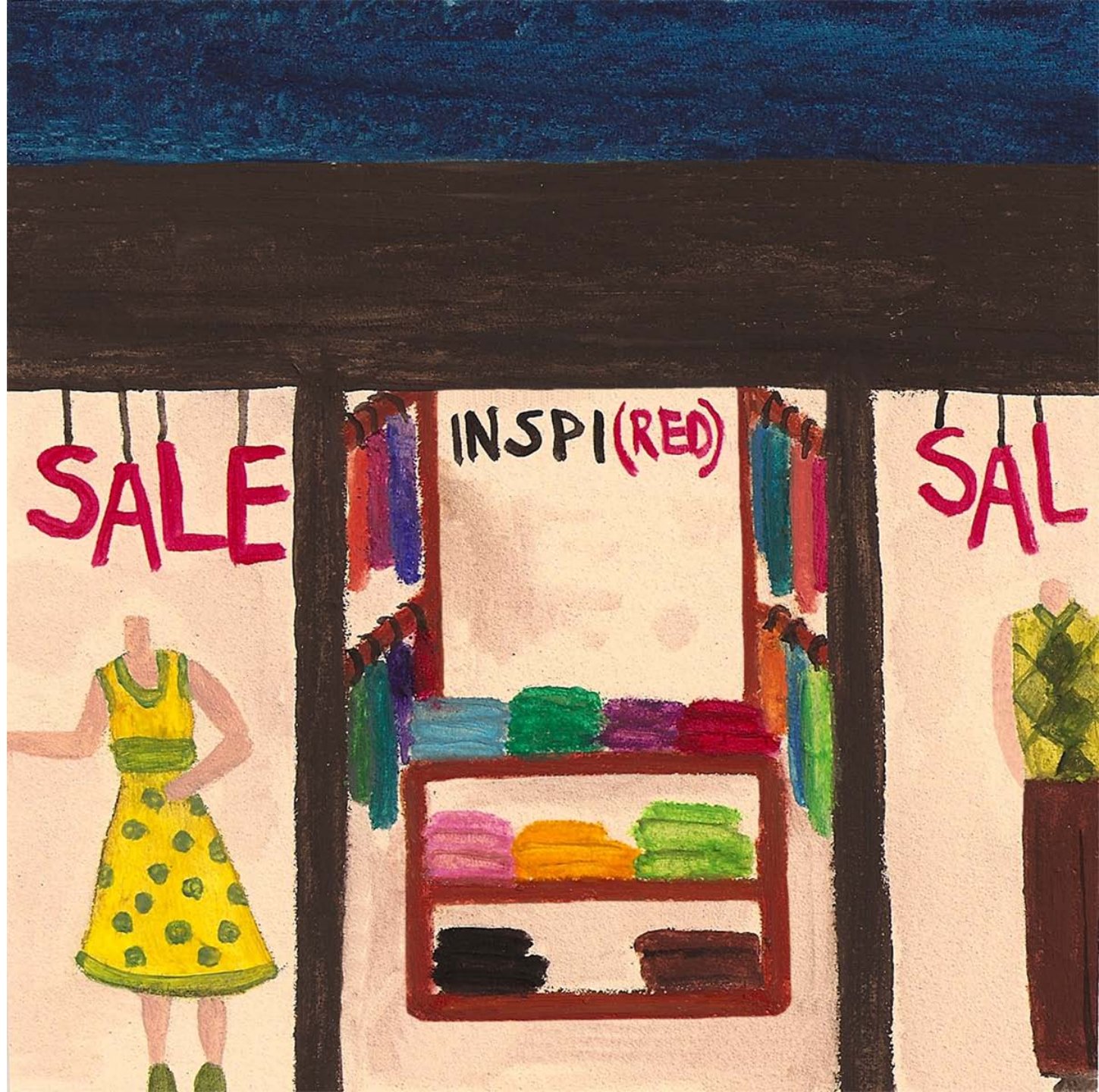




# **This is the store in the USA**

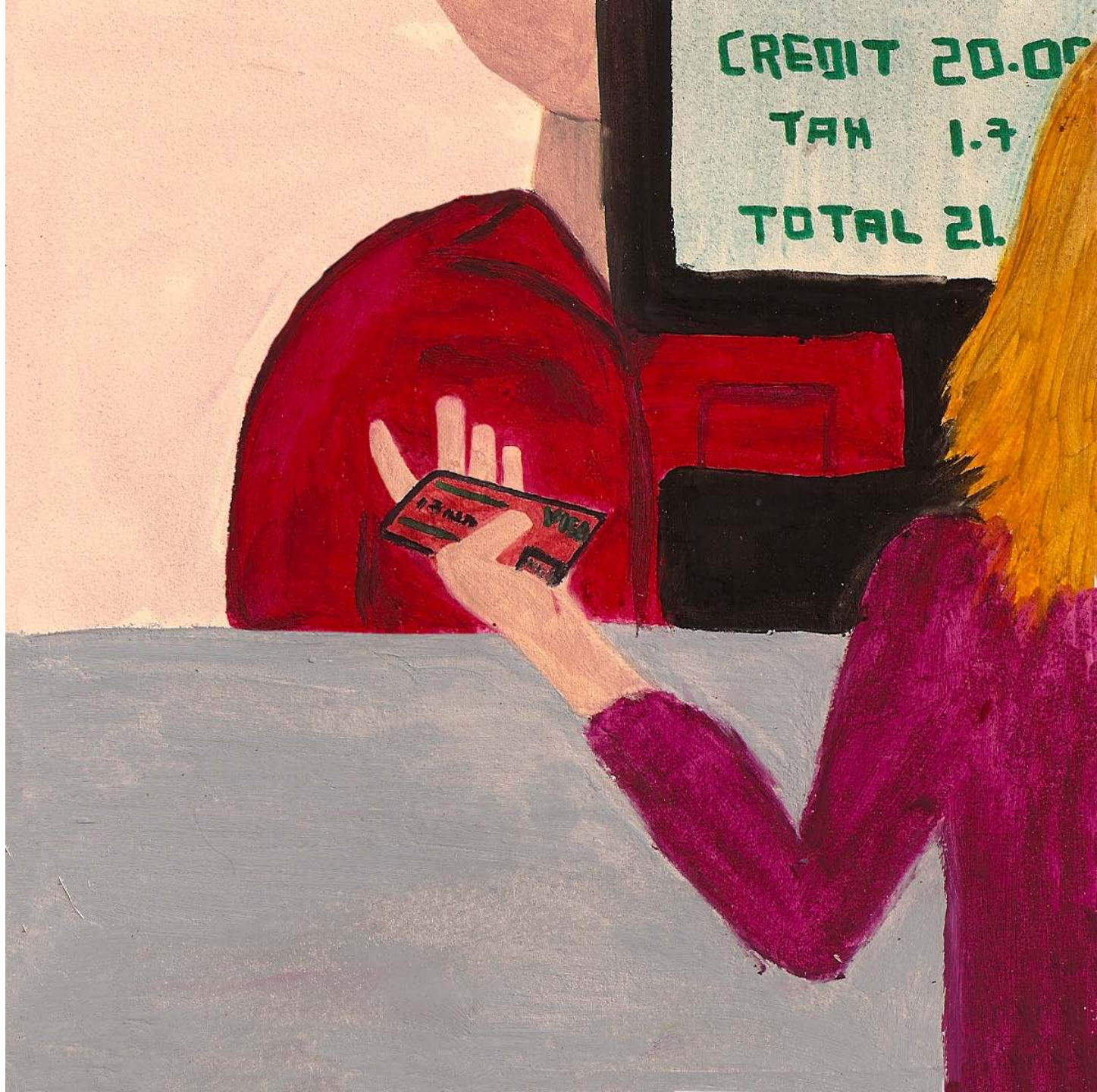
that stocks from the company in Bangkok  
that buys all the blouses, coats, shirts, and socks  
shipped by the contractor, Mr. Thrifty  
who pays the child a dollar fifty  
to sew the fabric colored with dyes  
processed from bales that the merchant buys  
made by the son who works all day  
who buried his father who couldn't pay  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.







**And this is the small price that all the Toms pay**  
for the clothes from the store in the USA  
that stocks from the company in Bangkok  
that buys all the blouses, coats, shirts, and socks  
shipped by the contractor, Mr. Thrifty  
who pays the child a dollar fifty  
to sew the fabric colored with dyes  
processed from bales that the merchant buys  
made by the son who works all day  
who buried his father who couldn't pay  
for the seeds (or their chemical spray)  
that grow into the cotton used for the thread  
that makes up the shirt that Tom bought.



# Afterword

Every year thousands of debt ridden cotton farmers throughout India commit suicide, often drinking the very pesticides they used to spray their crops. This has been going on since the 1980s, but few U.S. consumers know anything of this tragedy. Most of us forget that the very shirt that is on our back journeyed thousands of miles before we put it in our shopping bag. We forget that someone somewhere picked the cotton that was eventually transformed into the shirt that we buy with a little cash and a little less consideration. It is my hope that this book will help children and adults alike to see that everything has a process, that there are many many people involved in each process, and, most importantly, that we are a part of these processes and that what we buy matters.